

CASE STUDY: UT RIO GRANDE VALLEY MEDICAL RESEARCH FACILITY

Background

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley was looking to expand their biomedical and general research in the Valley. UTRGV and Doctors Hospital at Renaissance leased a building in a public private partnership. The building includes 16 research labs, 1 vivarium and 12 research technician rooms.

The Challenge

The design team needed an adaptable lab furniture system that could allow for changes to the lab layout as personnel and research change. The lab system also needed to provide an environment to promote collaboration as well as serve as an incubator space.

The Solution

Hallmark Casework partnered with the design team to develop a solution that would allow a great deal of flexibility, as well as the ability to change the lab quickly and cost effectively. The Kewaunee Evolution bench system was an excellent choice to achieve the goals set out by all of the stakeholders.

The Kewaunee Evolution bench system allows for a wide array of storage options and height adjustability, as well as being mobile. The feature which most appealed to the team was the ability to pre-pipe and pre-wire the individual benches, allowing them to be simply plugged into the ceiling panels. This plug-n-play ability provided the researchers much more flexibility and efficiency with equipment and work flow.

By selecting the Kewaunee Evolution bench system, renovation costs were reduced. Employee efficiency and equipment maintenance were also cost benefits as a result of selecting the Kewaunee Evolution bench system.



Lab Furnishings Provided:

- Kewaunee Evolution Benches
- Kewaunee Venturi Fume Hoods
- Kewaunee Steel Casework
- Kewaunee Wood Casework
- Kewaunee Kemresin Work Tops

Square Footage: 86,150

Budget: \$32 million

Lab Furnishings Contract: \$373,000

Completion Date: 2018

Architect: The Warren Group

General Contractor: Cantu Construction

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